THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Monday, the 31st March 1958.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Neyveli Lignite

* 472 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any compensation has been paid to all the ryots whose lands have been acquired in the Neyveli Lignite area; and

(*b*) whether any of the ryots have been evicted from the area?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir. Compensation has been paid to all the ryots whose lands have been acquired except in the cases in which the ryots have refused to receive the compensation amounts. In the excepted cases, compensation amounts due to them have been deposited in the Sub-treasury, Vridhachalam.

(*b*) In cases where the owners of land refused to hand over possession of the lands steps have been taken to enforce surrender of possession of the lands.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: பல பேர்களுக்கு நஷ்ட ஈடு இன்னும் கொடுக்காமலேயே அவர்களை வேறு இடங்களுக்குச் செல்லுமாறு சர்க்கார் நிர்ப்பந்திப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: அவர்கள் இப்பொழுது நாம் கொடுக்கிற நஷ்ட ஈடு போதாது என்று சொல்லி, அதை வாங்க மறுத்து இருக்கிறார்கள். வாங்க மறுத்ததன் காரணமாக அவர்களை வெளியேற்றாமல் இருக்க முடியவில்லை.

* 473 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of villages actually acquired so far under the Madras Lignite (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1953; and

(*b*) whether any of the villages included in the Schedule to the Act have since been excluded from its operation; and if so, their names?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is placed[a] on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 373–374 infra.